

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Friedrich Kueffner on 12NOV08.
3. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1:

Line 2, "its" has been changed to --the--,

Line 7, "it" has been changed to --the tension bow--.

Claim 14:

The claim has been changed from "Movable vehicle roof (2) for a convertible vehicle in accordance with Claim 1." to:

-- Movable vehicle roof (2) for a convertible vehicle (1) having a flexible roof covering (3) at least in the rear area, wherein, in the closed state, the roof covering (3) can be held under tension relative to the automobile body (7) by at least one tension bow (11), and wherein, to open the roof (2), the tension bow (11) can first be displaced upward (AS) from a closed position in which the tension bow lies on a closed supporting structure (A) of the automobile body (7), then rotated back (RS) with the supporting structure open, and then displaced downward (AV) into an open position located below the level of the closed supporting structure (A), wherein for the upward movement (AS) and return movement (RS) of the tension bow (11), a first center of

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motion (25) is provided, and for the downward displacement (AV) of the tension bow, a second center of motion that is separate from the first center of motion is provided, and during the downward displacement (AV) of the tension bow (11) about the second center of motion, the motion of the tension bow about the first center of motion (25) is stopped, wherein during the downward displacement (AV) of the tension bow about the second center of motion, the tension bow (11) rests on a stop (26) and does not move relative to the stop (26) during the entire downward displacement (AV).--

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art does not show or make obvious Applicant's tension bow resting on a stop.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul A. Chenevert whose telephone number is (571)272-6657. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri (8:30-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn D. Dayoan can be reached on 571-272-6659. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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